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WRITER PAYS TRIBUTE TO CAPT. REUBEN HUTCHCRAFT

Writing from Treves, Germany, where he is stationed with the American Army of Occupation, B. J. O'Donnell, who is the Associated Press correspondent, pays the following tribute to Bourbon county's soldier hero, Captain Reuben B. Hutchcraft, who gave his life in the battle for freedom and democracy:

"WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, TREVES, Germany, November 4.—One midsummer night in 1917 the Court House at Paris, Ky., was filled to capacity with patriotic citizens gathered there to discuss how they could best serve their country in the crisis which it faced—the great war.

"One of the principal speakers at that meeting was R. B. Hutchcraft, Jr., a former member of the Kentucky Legislature. He was anti-anything that smacked at Kaiserism. He counseled his fellow townsmen to buy Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps, 'to give until it hurt.' Somebody in the crowd, with a German accent, asked Hutchcraft, 'What are you willing to give?'

"I have pitifully little to offer," he replied, quite calmly, 'a little money and my life.'

"Whether or not he gave his money I do not know. I do know, however, that he gave his life. I know, too, that he gave it cheerfully, splendidly, gallantly.

"When Hutchcraft left the Court House that night he went to the national guard armory or hall in Paris and enlisted in the national guard. In the course of events he became a Lieutenant and came to France with the Forty-Second (Rainbow) Division. He was in command of a platoon in Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-Sixth Infantry.

"Hutchcraft, as his friends will remember, was not a tall man. By a strange coincidence the men over whom he served also were small of stature. Hence it was not strange that the doughboys came to refer to Lieutenant Hutchcraft's little organization as the 'Boy Scouts.'

"From Champagne to the Argonne Lieutenant Hutchcraft and his 'Boy Scouts' performed with distinction. They fought beside their bigger comrades and always 'kept up.' They never straggled; they never complained more than every doughboy feels he has the right to complain, and they never lost the name 'Boy Scouts.' When casualties made it necessary to bring in replacements an effort was made to delegate the men of small stature to Lieutenant Hutchcraft's platoon.

"It was along toward the end of the Argonne battle—the last battle of the war in which Ohio and Kentucky troops were engaged—and after Lieutenant Hutchcraft had been made a Captain, that Colonel 'Ben' Hough called for a patrol to go beyond Chemery on the road to Sedan to obtain certain information. The task fell to the platoon of 'Boy Scouts.'

"The Lieutenant who commanded the platoon was off duty on that day. The work assigned was dangerous—extremely dangerous—and Captain Hutchcraft hesitated to assign another platoon commander to the task, although he had that power.

"His old command was going on a dangerous mission. Their commander was not there to lead them. There were plenty of other Lieutenants around to command a patrol. Should he ask one of them or go himself? For Captain Hutchcraft to ask the question for him to answer it affirmatively. He went back to his 'Boy Scouts' and led them over the road toward Sedan, which then was the most prominent stumbling block in the path of the rapidly moving Americans.

"The platoon was advancing up a ravine beyond Chemery and was several kilometers in front of our first line when a Boche machine gun began tearing holes in the ranks. Captain Hutchcraft ordered his men to cover. They dashed for the lee of the hill from which the Boche machine gunner was peppering at them. That was just what the Boche anticipated. On the other side of the ravine were many machine gun nests. Before the 'Boy Scouts' could dig in or find anything like adequate cover the Germans pattered them with bullets. Several were killed, several wounded.

"In the first lull Captain Hutchcraft and his men made a discovery. The Hun gunners were drunk—drunk as beasts. They sang and laughed like aborigines on a mad carouse. They thought it a good joke that they had caught and slaughtered a dozen or more Americans. As they finished each bottle of rum they hurled the receptacle down the hill at the crouching Americans. And in the course of three hours the many empty bottles coming toward the 'Boy Scouts' attested the fact that the Boche were plentifully supplied.

"Between drinks the Huns fired many shots in the direction of the Americans. One gun had the Americans well covered and inflicted several

NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DEDICATED SUNDAY

After a long wait, caused by the influenza ban, the dedication of the new Presbyterian church, one of the most complete and up-to-date church edifices in the State, took place Sunday morning in the presence of a large audience. All the churches of the city deferred in favor of the congregation of the new church, no services being held at their places of worship.

The exercises began promptly at the appointed hour, with an organ prelude, followed by the Doxology, the invocation and the Gloria, the congregation remaining standing till after the rendition of the Gloria. After singing of the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the pastor of the church, Rev. John J. Rice, read the Scripture lesson. This was followed by the anthem, "Te Deum," and the pastoral prayer by Rev. Rice. One of the especial features of the dedicatory services was the solos beautifully rendered by Miss Mary Dan Harbison, of Flemingsburg, whose lovely voice has been frequently heard here in concert. After the offering and offertory prayer, the dedication sermon, a masterly one, was preached by Dr. J. Layton Mauze, of Huntington, West Virginia. With the singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," the prayer of dedication by Dr. Mauze, singing of the dedication hymn, "Thou Whose Unmeasured Temple Stands," and the organ postlude, the morning services closed.

At the evening service the following program was carried out: Organ Prelude; Hymn—"Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices;" Anthem—"Sing Alleluia Forth;" Scripture Reading; Prayer; Solo by Miss Mary Dan Harbison; Sermon—"Gospel of Luke," by Dr. Benjamin J. Bush, of Lexington; Hymn—"Abide With Me;" Benediction; Organ Postlude.

The new building was erected at an approximate cost of \$50,000 and is the first church building to be dedicated in Paris free from debt. The money for its erection and furnishing has all been raised by contributions of the members of the congregation and friends of the church, and no collection was taken up at either of the services Sunday. The Presbyterian congregation in Paris, although not as large as that of some other churches, is composed of some of the wealthiest families in the county, and it was their determination when it was decided to erect a new house of worship that it should be entirely free from debt before it was dedicated to the worship of God.

RICHMOND HOME BURNED

The residence of Mrs. Robert Miller on Lancaster avenue, in Richmond, burned to the ground Sunday night, together with practically all household effects, causing a loss of \$6,000, with \$3,000 insurance.

casualties. Realizing that it was but a matter of time until this gun would wipe out his command, Captain Hutchcraft determined to charge the machine-gun nests. The decision met with the approval of every lad in the platoon.

"Lying there under almost direct observation of the drunken Boches, they fixed a zero hour. The word was passed along from mouth to mouth and back again to assure that each man knew the exact second. They even synchronized their watches. Then each was told just what would be expected of him.

"Captain Hutchcraft led the charge. Then he scattered as they advanced on the machine-gun nests. The daring of the maneuver took the Boche by surprise. Before the fact that the Americans were charging fully percolated the benumbed brains of the Germans the little force had advanced half way up the hill. The Americans had deployed so quickly and cleverly that the machine guns' traverse was not swift enough to get more than a few. But one of these was Captain Hutchcraft. He had gone forward on a straight line and was twenty feet from the first nest when he fell.

"During the next three minutes that little ravine near Chemery was the liveliest spot on that whole Argonne-Meuse front. With their bayonets the 'Boy Scouts' cleaned up one machine-gun nest after another, taking prisoner those who were not killed.

"A considerable amount of rum was found cached in the hillside. One of the prisoners said the party had been furnished liquor and told to hold the ravine against advancing Americans.

"Captain Hutchcraft's body was carried back and buried near Maison Celle. Near him lie eleven of his 'Boy Scouts,' who, like their Captain, had 'pitifully little' to offer their country, but who gave that little cheerfully, splendidly, gallantly on the road to Sedan."

COL. THEODORE ROOSEVELT IS DEAD

Distinguished Ex-President Passes Away Yesterday Morning at His Home at Oyster Bay, New York.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt died in his sleep early yesterday morning at his home on Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay, L. I.

The Colonel suffered a severe attack of rheumatism and sciatica on New Year's Day, but none believed that his illness would likely prove fatal.

Death, it was said, came to him painlessly as he slept.

Three physicians had been in attendance upon the Colonel since he

bolism or lodgement in the lung of a clot from a broken vein, it was stated by one of his physicians.

Forty-eight hours before his death, the former president had been visited by one of his physicians who stated he found the Colonel apparently in good condition and spirits.

The Colonel, he said, laughed and joked with him and said he expected soon to renew his wood chopping expeditions on his Sagamore Estate.

Postmaster J. Walter Payne received a telegram yesterday from Washington, instructing him to keep the flag on the Government building at half-mast until after the funeral of the former President.

BOURBON BANKS SHOW BIG BUSINESS FOR 1918

The combined deposits of the four banks doing business in Paris aggregated \$2,858,767.67 at the close of the year on December 31, 1918. This is a healthy increase over the business transacted by the four local institutions the year previous, despite the enormous sums paid out by the depositors for Liberty Bonds, and donations to other war causes. The deposits of the four Paris banks on December 31, 1918, are as follows:

Peoples Deposit Bank & Trust Co. \$1,024,821.66

Bourbon Agricultural Bank & Trust Co. 830,815.43

First National Bank ... 706,269.42

Farmers & Traders Bank ... 296,861.16

Combined deposits ... \$2,858,767.67

MANY DOGS IN COUNTY.

Up to a late hour yesterday afternoon, County Clerk Pearce Paton had issued a total of 1,700 dog licenses, with prospects for a largely increased number today.

This is only about one-third of the dogs in the county. Under the new law it becomes the duty of the Sheriff and his deputies to destroy all unlicensed dogs. Dogs not yet licensed may have their licenses issued if the owners can give a reasonable excuse. After January 15 no licenses will be issued no matter what the excuse given.

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IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

Clarence Rogers, U. S. army, left yesterday for Camp McClellan, Ala., after a visit with his sister, Mrs. Edward T. Shaw, and Mr. Shaw, near Millersburg.

Fred T. Robinson, who is stationed at Norfolk, Va., in the naval branch of the service, is in on a furlough, as a guest of his sister, Mrs. Strother Banta, near Little Rock.

Private Clark Crouch, who has been stationed at Camp Dodge, Iowa, has received an honorable discharge, and has returned to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac T. Crouch, near Little Rock.

Private Tom Toohey, of Camp Dix, New Jersey, and Corporal George Toohey, of Camp Jackson, near Columbia, S. C., who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Toohey, have returned to their respective camps after a seven days' furlough visit in Paris.

Lieut. L. Raymer Jones has returned to his home in North Middletown, having received an honorable discharge from the service in Camp Meade, Stanley Dickson, of the same vicinity, who has been in the naval service, stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training School, is also at home, though he has not yet received his final discharge papers.

Private Martin Glenn is the first Bourbon county boy so far reported, that has been confined in a German prison camp.

Private Glenn, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Glenn, of near Paris, was badly wounded by the Germans before they succeeded in taking him a prisoner. He has been released by the Germans and is now in a hospital in France. He is a brother of Mrs. Jas. W. Connell, and Messrs. Joseph and John Glenn, of Paris, and of Private George Glenn, now stationed at Camp Meade, Md.

Cornelius (Buddie) James came in Sunday, on a furlough, to visit his mother, Mrs. Mollie James, and other relatives. "Buddie" has made seven round trips across the ocean, and says the good old U. S. A. still looks the biggest and best parcel of ground in the world. He stated that he was six days coming from where his ship was stationed, in French waters, to Newport News, Va., and about ten days in coming from there to Paris. This included several stops at points of interest along the road. He is in excellent health and looks like a genuine "man-o-war's-man." He is a member of the gun crew on the converted yacht, "Remlik," on patrol duty along the French shores.

"Sailor" W. O. Pennington, of Paris, who is one of Uncle Sam's men on the U. S. S. "Oklahoma," now in an American port, writes THE NEWS the following postcard message:

"Well, how is every little thing in the good old town of Paris, Ky.? I hope, all O. K. I am back in God's country now. I came here on the 27th of December. I expect to get back home about the first of February. The picture on the other side of this card shows the George Washington, with President Wilson and his party on board, entering the harbor at Brest, France. The picture was taken from the quarter deck of the Oklahoma. Where is our old friend, Ed. Fitzpatrick? I have not heard a thing from him since I went overseas. Hope to see you in February. Good bye and good luck."

Ossian Sprake, of Paris, who is just recovering from a severe attack of influenza, has his convalescence cheered by the receipt of three postcards. One was from his sister, Miss Lucille Sprake, who is a Red Cross nurse in a Base Hospital in France, saying: "How do you like our hospital? It is an old mansion, converted into a Red Cross Hospital. It is perfect in all its equipment. It has been occupied at different times by French, Germans and Americans. At present I am in charge of several Kentucky boys, but cannot give you their names. We are all in splendid health and hope to be back in the good old U. S. A. very soon."

A card from Private R. Weaver Talbot, a former L. & N. railroad man, to Mr. Sprake, stated "Christmas Greetings to all the folks back home in the good old U. S. A. I am well and surely enjoying myself. Hope to see you real soon." The third card was from Lawrence H. Hill, of Paris, who is a member of Co. B, 113th Field Signal Battalion, A. E. F. Writing from Four-en-Sologne, France, Private Hill says: "Say, son, you want to get over that attack of 'flu.' Don't forget there's a great day coming. Hope to see you in a few months. Prepare the fatted calf."

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REAL ESTATE DEALS

James W. Connell and Mr. Frank Collier, of this city, closed a deal Saturday with Mr. Fred Fister, purchasing his fine farm of 212 acres one and one-half miles from Paris, on the North Middletown pike. They paid Mr. Fister about \$301 an acre for the farm. This is one of the most fertile and best improved farms in the county, having a large two-story brick mansion, a new tobacco barn with a capacity of fifteen acres of tobacco, cattle barn, tenant house, etc., and is considered one of the best bargains in real estate that has been picked up by Bourbon county men for many months. The purchasers bought the place as an investment, and contemplate selling it at auction in the near future. It was reported yesterday that Mr. Fister was on a deal for a big farm in Fayette county.

Auctioneer M. F. Kenney made the following sales last Saturday at the court house door for Master Commissioner O. T. Hinton: The Mrs. Pearl Deaver farm, located about four miles from Paris, on the Paris and Jacksonton pike, containing about thirty acres, to Wm. Bell, for \$310 an acre; the Flanders farm, containing 250 acres, near Millersburg, to John Grimes, for \$225 an acre. On Monday Auctioneer Kenney sold at the court house door in this city for Master Commissioner Hinton the following property: The Johnson farm, located on the North Middletown and Levy turnpike, containing about fifty-eight acres, to Mr. Clay Reid, for \$210 an acre; a house and lot on Fourteenth street belonging to George Rice's heirs, to M. Peale Collier, for \$500; house and eight acres of land near Jacksonton, known as the Walden property, to Thomas Wilson, for \$2,250.

The public sale Saturday of seven small tracts of land belonging to William and Lou Taylor, situated near Paris on the Paris and North Middletown pikes and the Jacksonton pike broke all records heretofore made in the sale of Bourbon county farms.

The home place of 100½ acres sold in four tracts as follows: 8.52 acres to W. H. Whaley for \$552 an acre; 32.97 acres to the same buyer for \$490.10 an acre; 8.15 acres unimproved to Chas. Peddicord for \$291 an acre, and 50.46 acres to John Sauer for \$292.50 an acre, or an average for the entire tract of \$379.25 an acre.

Three tracts facing on the Jacksonton pike aggregating 99 1-2 acres sold to William Brannock for an average of \$250.05 an acre.

Mr. Peddicord immediately after the sale resold his purchase to Mr. W. H. Whaley at an advance of \$9.00 per acre, over the original purchase price.

The home of Mr. George Howard, on Duncan avenue, was sold at public auction Saturday by Auctioneer George D. Speakes. Mr. J. M. Scott was the purchaser. The home brought \$6,440.

Dr. R. R. McMillan purchased of Mrs. Hattie Mann Dudley the cottage on East Seventh street, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Prinehard, for \$5,200. Dr. and Mrs. McMillan will take possession of the home in April.

Harris & Speakes sold yesterday for Mr. C. K. Mullins his home located on South Main street, Mr. B. D. Wilson being the purchaser at \$6,500.

Mr. A. Bayes, who recently sold his farm on the Georgetown pike, near Paris, to Dr. D. S. Henry, has purchased a farm near Helena Station, in Mason county. The place contains 146 acres and was purchased by Mr. Bayes as an investment.

Mrs. Della Stevens sold last week to Mr. James Stevens, of Bourbon county, the frame cottage at 1637 Cypress street, in Paris, for about \$3,500. Mrs. Stevens will move to her property on South Main street about March 1, 1919, when she gives possession of her Cypress street home. The purchaser will move to Paris to reside.

Mr. Wm. Whaley, Jr., of Paris, bought from Mr. M. B. Lovell, 185 acres of land located on the Hume and Bedford pike, and adjoining the Ardery farm.

The place contains 185 acres of highly productive land, and cost Mr. Whaley \$160 per acre, or \$29,600 for the place. This farm is known as the Joseph Giltner place. The improvements consist of a substantial two-story residence, tobacco and stock barns, etc. It is considered a great bargain at the price paid by Mr. Whaley. Possession will be given on March 1, 1919.

"IT'S YOUR MOVE!"

The Bourbon County Progressive Chess and Checker Club held a preliminary Meeting Friday night and designated Thursday night, Jan. 12, as the first night of play. The club has a number of new players, several of them being connected with the tobacco district and some interesting sittings are expected.